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BEGIN SUMMARY: SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE LATE MAR 10 RESOLUTION ON INTENSIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON COMMODITIES IN CONNECTION WITH MARKET ACCESS AND PRICING POLICY. GROUP OF 77 (DEVELOPING) COUNTRIES WERE UNABLE AGREE ON LIST OF COMMODITIES. SESSION THREATENED UP TO VERY END WITH FAILURE REACH ANY AGREEMENT AT ALL BECAUSE WIDE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OVER NATURE OF CONSULTATIONS AND DIVISIONS WITHIN GROUP OF 77. US MADE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AFTER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

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1. SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES (CCVII) ENDED CLOSE TO MIDNIGHT SAT ON NOTE OF SELF- CONGRATULATIONS WITH UNANIMOUS ADOPTION WITHOUT VOTE OF RESOLUTION (TEXT REFTEL) ON INTENSIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON COMMODITIES IN CONNECTION WITH MARKET ACCESS AND PRICING POLICY. WAVE OF APPLAUSE BROKE OUT WHEN CHAIRMAN GAVELED THROUGH RESOLUTION AFTER EXTRICATING HIMSELF AND SESSION FROM LAST MINUTE PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE MORASS OVER AMENDMENT TO PREAMBULAR PARA REFERRING TO CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 62 III ON LEAST DEVELOPED. FACT THAT GHANIAN CHAIRMAN HAD URGED ALL GROUPS NOT SEEK AMENDMENTS BUT PROPOSED ONE HIMSELF IN PLENARY PRECIPITATED BITTER EXCHANGES BETWEEN AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN GROUPS AND ALMOST KILLED UNTIL NEXT TDB CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT TEXT OF RESOLUTION HAMMERED OUT IN WEEK OF DIFFICULT TOUCH AND GO NEGOTIATIONS. LATINS CAPITULATED AND 62 III INCLUDED IN FINAL TEXT. AFTER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION, NUMBER OF LDC' S SAID DID NOT GET ALL THEY EXPECTED BUT HOPED CONSULTATIONS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. LEADER OF AFRICAN GROUP MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR PRIORITY FOR COMMODITIES OF INTEREST TO AFRICAN STATES BECAUSE THEY SO HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON PRIMARY COMMODITIES. ALSO SAID COULD NOT ACCEPT THAT ANY COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES COULD VETO OR REFUSE HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON ANY COMMODITY OF INTEREST TO AFRICANS (READ COFFEE).

2. MEXICO TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO US STATEMENT ON RES 83(III) MADE IN PLENARY (GENEVA 945) BOTH AT TIME DRAFT REPORT ON ITEM 4 CONSIDERED AND AFTER ADOPTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION BY COMMITTEE. USDEL PREVENTED INCLUSION IN REPORT OF STATEMENT EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION WITH US STATEMENT AS DISAGREEING WITH SPIRIT OF RES 83(III). AFTER DRAFT RESOLUTION ADOPTED, MEXICO RETURNED TO EARLIER POINT AND EXPRESSED HOPE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REPORT BY ONE DEL (READ US) WILL BE MODIFIED IN LIGHT OF COMMITTEE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. IN ITS EXPLANATION, USDEL CHOSE TO IGNORE MEXICAN STATEMENT AND MADE LOW KEY STATEMENT WHICH MADE CLEAR US VIEWS ARE ON RECORD, INDICATED NOT ALL OUR PROBLEMS WITH RES 83(III) HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, AND EXPRESSED HOPE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WILL FURTHER WORK OF UNCTAD.

3. NEGOTIATIONS IN CONTACT GROUP OF 12 ON DRAFT RESOLUTION, WHICH IS MODIFIED VERSION OF SUBSTANCE OF TEXT TABLED BY GROUP B (GENEVA 980), WERE PROTRACTED AND COMPLEX. OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS TO ORGANIZE CONSULTATIONS ALONG LINES SECRETARIAT SUGGESTIONS WHICH WERE EQUIVALENT TO NEGOTIATIONS. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCEPT ONLY CONSULTATIONS. AS BECAME MORE AND MORE CLEAR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BE ABLE AGREE ON LIST OF COMMODITIES, TACTICAL POSITION OF LDC'S CLEARLY WEAKENED BECAUSE IT NO LONGER POSSIBLE LAY BLAME FOR FAILURE ONLY ON GROUP B. NUMEROUS DRAFTS OF KEY PARAS OF RESOLUTION EMERGED FROM CONTACT GROUP BUT NONE ABLE BRIDGE BASIC DIFFERENCES IN SUBSTANTIVE APPROACH TO CONSULTATIONS. GROUP B COUNTRIES LED BY GERMANY, FRANCE AND EC BEGAN URGE TALKS BE TERMINATED AND ISSUE BE REMANDED TO TDB. GROUP POSITION IN FAVOR THIS APPROACH SOLIDIFIED LATE FRI EVENING. POSITION TAKEN BY GROUP B STUNNED MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP. SG PLEADED WITH FOUR GROUP B NEGOTIATORS TO CONTINUE ON PERSONAL BASIS IN HOPE OF DEVELOPING PACKAGE FOR PRESENTATION TO AND CONSIDERATION BY GROUPS. LEADER OF ASIAN GROUP JOINED IN PLEAS WHILE LATIN AND AFRICAN LEADERS EMPHASIZED POLITICAL RECRIMINATIONS THAT LIKELY TO FOLLOW. DESPITE STRONG POSITION TAKEN IN GROUP B BY EC AND SOME OF ITS MEMBER STATES, BROUP B COORDINATOR (POSWICK- BELGIUM) STATED HEWILLING CONTINUE ON UNDERSTANDING NEGOTIATORS HAD NO MANDATE FROM GROUP B. NEGOTIATIONS FINISHED 5 A. M.

4. AT GROUP B MEETING MAR 10, GERMAN DEL (KIPPER) EXPRESSED STRONG DISPLEASURE OVER ACTION OF GROUP B NEGOTIATORS IN CONTACT GROUP. EC AND FRANCE STATED THEY COULD NOT AGREE TO PARA 2(B) OF DRAFT TEXT WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT CONSULTATIONS QUOTE SHOULD, INTER ALIA, AIM TO PRESENT CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO GOVERNMENTS DESIGNED TO EXPAND TRADE IN PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THUS CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS BY (I) IMPROVING ACCESS TO WORLD MARKETS AND INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN MARKET GROWTH,... UNQUOTE. SAID INTER ALIA RAISED POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS AND DRAFTING OF PORTION ON PARTICIPATION IN GROWTH TOO CLOSE TO MARKET SHARING CONCEPT AND MIGHT BE READ AS AN OBJECTIVE OF CONSULTATIONS RATHER THAN AS A RESULT. EC(TRAN) LATER OBTAINED GROUP OF 77 AGREEMENT ALTER TEXT AND MADE USUAL SELF-SERVING STATEMENT IN PLENARY REGARDING SUPPORT BY COMMUNITY OF OBJECTIVES OF LDC'S. RIMESTAD

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